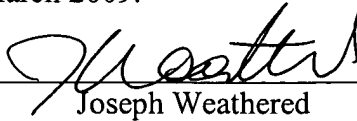




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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed 7 November 2008, for which a three-month response period ending 7 February 2009 was set. The extended deadline is 7 March 2009.

A check in the amount of Four-Hundred-and-Seventy Dollars (\$470.00) enclosed herewith includes Sixty-Five Dollars (\$65) in payment of the fee for a one-month extension for a small entity. Small entity status has been previously established in this

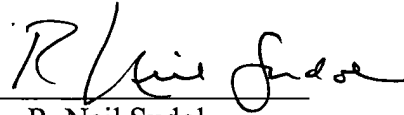
application. The enclosed check also includes Four-Hundred-and-Five Dollars (\$405) in payment of the fee for requesting continued examination.

An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due in connection with this communication, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0838. A copy of this Request is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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